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the fact that the Industrial Revolution has in numerous industries progressed slowly and is not yet complete.

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Proceedings of the twenty-seventh annual convention of the United Typothetae and Franklin Clubs of America. (S. Evans Clark, secretary, Chicago. 1913. Pp. 250.)

Production and use of denatured alcohol in principal countries. Special agents series, 77. (Washington: Department of Commerce. 1914. Pp. 32.)

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British Railways, a Financial and Commercial Survey. By W. R. LAWSON. (New York: D. Van Nostrand Co. 1914. Pp. xxxii, 320. \$2.00.)

As chairman of the Railway Shareholders' Association, Mr. Lawson has an intimate knowledge of his subject, which he presents in a lively and interesting way. The book is divided into twenty-seven chapters grouped in six divisions, financial, historical, technical, commercial, administrative, and political. The financial treatment consists of an analysis of the cost of construction and the operations of railways as measured by passenger, tonnage, and train-mile statistics, followed by discussions of gross and net revenues, and of the nature of British railway accounts and statistics. The historical part gives most attention to pre-railway and early railway conditions, but includes chapters on electric railways and London traffic. The technical part considers various matters in connection with the goods and passenger services, a great deal of emphasis being laid, by way of criticism, upon the system of collecting and delivering goods and the confusion of passenger rates.

In the commercial section, Mr. Lawson discusses rate theory and practice, with especial attention to exceptional rates and services,